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## AMCCO'S T-FLAG CAMPAIGN STARTS

A whirlwind campaign is being launched at the yard to bring every employee into the "10 per cent" fold and thus entitle the yard to the right to display the Treasury T-flag.

Every firm or plant in which all employees agree to the deduction of 10 per cent from their gross pay for the purchase of war bonds is given a certificate granting the privilege of flying this flag of the United States Treasury with a "T" superimposed.

Amcco is not far short of this coveted class and every effort is being made to complete the job. As one official pointed out, "in today's war effort, and the need for investing in war bonds to continue this effort, a plant is more conspicuous by the absence of the flag than with it."

Without a doubt, this plant is subscribing more than the 10 per cent with the combination of payroll and home subscription, but for the sake of consistent allotment it is necessary to take it from the company payroll, it has been explained.

Several departments in the plant have pledged 100 per cent within their group. The joiner shop gang being one of the first.

## PRODUCTION HIGH AT AMCCO PLANT

### Astoria's Payroll Reaches Million Dollars Annually

Rolling faster and faster and well into its second year, production at Amcco is reaching the high gear stage

## Amcco Awarded Contract To Build Four Harbor Tugs

By proving on previous contracts their ability to turn out excellent work on a steady schedule, the Amcco Gang attracted the Navy eye and were selected to build four harbor tugs in addition to YMS boats under construction.

The keel for YT 312 was laid on December 21. Work will dovetail with minesweeper construction and will be done on the original ways.

The tugs will be of conventional commercial construction and must be delivered by July first.

Preliminary lay-outs are going ahead fast, with Clair Mansker's mold loft schedule in the lead. Oak for these tugs has been purchased and much of it has been delivered.



with the employee list totaling a new high of 350 persons.

Expanding its personnel list as quickly as the materials and "production lines" can absorb the added and oftentimes inexperienced labor, Astoria's first wartime shipbuilding plant has now exceeded the one million dollar a year average in payroll expenditure.

Clatsop County labor is being used almost entirely, and the early connections with materials and labor supplies has enabled Amcco officials to push the YMS program.

The yard is the first to complete one war contract in coastal Oregon and is ready to begin a series of launchings that will display four more craft hitting the water but a few weeks after each preceding craft.

Added to the million dollar payroll figure is the large amount of money being spent for supplies and services incidental to the purchase of these materials. Much of this is going into Clatsop County business channels.

### "YOU'RE TOPS" SAYS EASTERN SHIPBUILDER

Without pre-announced information the local plant and employees were on dress parade recently with the visit to the plant of Marshall E. Tulloch, manager of the Greenport Basin and Construction Co., Greenport, New York.

Amcco can well puff out its collective chest over Tulloch's statement that "Astoria Marine Construction methods of building are highly modern and efficient and, most of all, the quality is unsurpassed anywhere in the nation."

The distinguished visitor's Greenport Basin is classed as one of the nation's best producers in the navy small boat program. A good deal larger than this plant, its employees number 1200 or more. At the present their production includes YMS, PCS and tank lighter craft.



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### TWO LUCKY BARBARAS



Barbara Hickey



Barbara Snow

Barbara was a very lucky name last week as the drawing for sponsors to christen YMS boats 136 and 137 turned up the name of Barbara Hickey for 136 and Barbara Snow for 137.

The drawing, held by the launching committee appointed for that purpose, carried over the non-winners from the previous drawing and added new names that were submitted by the employees. All these undrawn names will be included when the time comes to name the daughter of an employee to sponsor the remaining ships.

Barbara for YMS-136 is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hickey and is attending the St. Mary's nursing school in Astoria. She is 20 years old.

Barbara for YMS-137 is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Snow and is at the present attending Oregon State College. Last summer she spent several months assisting in the engineering office.

## LAUNCHING OF YMS 135 EVENT OF DECEMBER 26



Amcco's Christmas present to the nation and the armed forces was the launching of YMS-135 on December 26th at 4:00 P.M. Various details as to program and employee participation were announced through plant channels.

Various delays in the receiving of materials necessary to pre-launching installations had several times postponed the event and had thus caused late make-up of ceremony plans. These were definitely completed this week.

Marjorie Hanna, daughter of William Hanna, yard construction carpenter, christened this first ship in the second contract.

The christening followed the usual pattern, with wives, relatives and friends of the workers comprising the main attendance. The usual Navy representation was on hand.

### PAINTING CREW



(From left to right) Kamm, Klep (the skullduggery expert), Bue, Heikka, and Head Man Mitchell.



# AS I SEE IT!



By Joe Dyer

The end of the year is at hand but there is no need to review the past. We are interested in our past achievements only in that the experience gained may increase our future efficiency.

The days are now getting longer, and we can look forward to better weather and better working conditions in general. The second YMS growing pains are about over, and we are again "On the Beam" of orderly production.

The Y.T.'s are also working right into the groove. 1943 will see the old Amcco machine clicking along as never before.

The year 1943 shapes up to be the most important period in history. We can be proud that we are to have a part in shaping that history.

Every move we make today has some bearing on the future. Let's make our moves count! Let's get on with our work faster than ever! Let's buy more Bonds! Let's get realistic about this war and really back our fighting men at the front!!



## RECENT ENLISTMENTS IN OUR ARMED FORCES

During the past few weeks Amcco's contribution to the armed forces has been heavier than at any previous time.

Those either heeding the draft call or enlisting in the service are Ralph Ferguson, to the Navy; Harold Gedenberg, Navy; Walter Sorg, Army Air Corps; John Maki, Coast Guard; Ernest Werronen, Army; George Bamber, Navy; Valo Huhtala, Army; and Harold Niemi, Army.

## Joe Cook... a Real Oldtimer

On the Friday the thirteenth occurring last month, Joe Cook, official day gateman, trotted spry out to the main gate to admit a supply truck with a minimum of delay. When asked if he wasn't a bit wary of ill omens, he replied: "On the contrary; I feel lucky. I'm 78 years old today."

Your reporter, who sees "Cooky" every day, was genuinely surprised, how well he carries his years. Father of T. B. Cook, head of machinist department, he is on the job each day, and his prompt and cheery handling of yard traffic has won him a host of friends.

For easy calculation, his start in life dates back to 1864, which places him as being a "veteran" of every war from the Civil down to the present World War Number Two. Many of his years were spent in railroading, and he was the first railroad agent at Newberg.

He drives his own car to this day, but can tell you of life on the railroads and of plowing fields in Iowa with oxen when but eight years old.



JOE COOK

When asked what his secret of long life was he replied that he didn't have any. Just for fun your interviewer asked Cook if he had drank and smoked all his life and was ready to tell the world it didn't hurt a bit. However, he replied that he didn't smoke, had never touched liquor, but guessed he came from a hardy family. "One sister is 80 and still has her own teeth, but my oldest sister—82 years—lost hers several years ago."

The loud honking of a waiting truck ended the interview and the writer must admit to having been slightly awed with the thought of what a lot of life "Cooky" has seen floating by.

## Seen from . . . THE CROW'S NEST

Bob Hart telling of a friend in a Portland shipyard who left his lunch bucket sitting on a steel plate only to return and find some welder had used his "stinger" to spot it solid—a cutter being necessary to free the nose bag . . . Clair Mansker



being asked upon his return from Arkansas if it is true that the biggest change is shoes on the young men; the army finding it easier to corral them that way for induction due to decreased speed of foot . . . One of the yard wags referring to the "Captain's Workbench" as the officers' springs and mattresses were unloaded from the truckline . . . Max Bigby, Brownie Johansen, George Malberg, Willie Viuhkkila, Clyde Trullinger among the many newcomers to the yard . . . Ed Anderson looking at "Shangrila" painted on the paint shop door and asking Perry Mitchell, "Is that the home of Doolittle?"

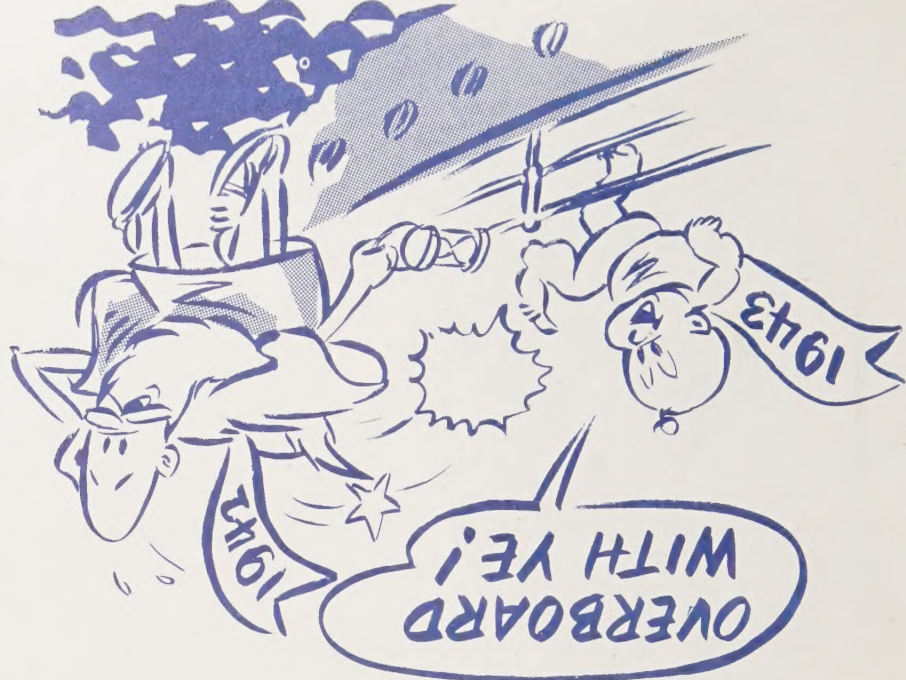
## ★ SORG WITH THE ARMY

Feeling "sorry for you poor guys up there in all the rain" and extolling the climate of this "great Arizona desert" Pvt. Walter Sorg, ex-Amcco fastener, dropped a cheery line to some of his friends in the plant.

Sorg is stationed at the 755th Basic Flying Training Squadron at Marana Field, Tucson, Arizona. He inquires as to YMS progress and mentions how he felt about leaving Astoria, but adds that he likes the camp life fine. A little hint disclosed he would like to hear from some of the gang.



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## Was Fleishman's Face Red!

"I never was more insulted, more embarrassed, more persecuted in my life," stomped Howard "Flash" Fleishman, king of the dustpan swishers, when asked for a statement by the "roving reporter." Breaking into a grin, he added, "for a few moments, anyway."

Our R.R. (roving reporter) got the story in this manner. Flash was near the checker's cage of a Seaside chain grocery on a very busy Saturday evening when a commanding voice warned the checker to "watch this fellow (meaning Flash) and his thievery. I've known him a long time and he is not to be trusted, got to watch him every moment, entirely undependable."

All eyes turn toward the "suspected culprit" and a sweet young thing with a shopping buggy full of groceries tittered nearby. The accuser stomped away to further fill his buggy when suddenly this "sweet young thing" cried out in alarm, "Someone ran off with my groceries!"

Flash, quick as a flash, shouted: "There he goes, Madam. I'll lead you to him. It's his old gag. Been pulling it for years. Biggest grocery thief in town." With all eyes on the commotion Our Hero led the sweet young thing straight to the man with the commanding voice who previously had singled out Howard. The lady demanded return of the groceries, and with a high blush and a stammering tongue our own Timekeeper Robert Sheffler meekly apologized, "I'm very sorry, Madam, but I guess these ARE your groceries. I took your buggy by mistake."

## AMCCO "TANS" ARE HOLDING THEIR OWN

Looking like a million in new tan bowling shirts with the insignia of Astoria Marine Construction Co., the local bowling team won two and lost one at the last meeting and hung onto its tie with Modern Cash Grocery for first place.

Amcco, riding high in first place at the early part of the season, had several halting weeks in which they slipped into second place. Two weeks ago they gathered their forces and climbed back alongside of the Moderns and held on last week.

Stan Helligso, driving force with the gang, claims the "boys have it out of their systems, and are ready to stick in there throwing strikes for first place."



## EARL BAUMGARDNER IN FINAL "DRAFT"

"The greatest Drafter of all" called Earl Albert Baumgardner, 48, from the ranks of Astoria Marine Construction employees November 28. Earl had been employed here for the past year and was a yard machinist, specializing in mechanical installations on the ships.

Previously he operated tug boats and was a native of the Lower Columbia region. He is survived by his widow, Vivian Baumgardner, and two children, Doris and Ted.

The graveside services were conducted by the Masonic Lodge, of which Earl Baumgardner was a member.

As expressed in a letter to the family by President Joe Dyer, in behalf of employees, "the token of esteem by which he was held" prompted an enclosed check representing a contribution from virtually 100 per cent of the Amcco personnel.

Help us Join the Patriotic Crowd by Signing for a 10% Payroll Deduction for War Bonds.